Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy

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March 6, 2014

Kent L. Jones, P.E. Office of the Utah State Engineer 1594 West North Temple #220 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6300

Re: Petition for Stay – Permanent Change Application No. 57-7800 (a28548) and 57-10317 (a28545)

Dear Mr. Jones:

Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy ("District") is a protestant of the above-referenced change applications. This letter is submitted in support of Salt Lake City's Petition to Stay the State Engineer's Orders issued on the above-referenced change applications.

As you know, the District treats Little Cottonwood Creek water available under the water rights of the District's two member cities, Salt Lake City and Sandy City and the water rights of the District. The District is responsible for the quality of the water it provides to the member cities. The District charges its member cities the same uniform rate for treated water, even if that water is diverted under the water rights of the cities. Thus, a use that impairs the water rights of either member city also may impair the District financially.

The District respectfully requests the State Engineer enter the stay requested by Salt Lake City. Failure to grant the stay would risk the unnecessary irretrievable commitment of resources.

Please contact me at 801.942.9685 or wilson@mwdsls.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Wilson General Manager

cc: Jeff Niermeyer (via e-mail)

Shawn Draney (via e-mail)

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